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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☒ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- 1) ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - 2) ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - 3) ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 12/28/2001.

- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. This office action is in response to application number: 10/019518 filed on 12/28/2001. Claims 1 – 4 have been examined and are pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1- 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Tamer, patent number: US 6 671 881 B1.

As per claim 1, Tamer teaches System for selecting and confirming an impulse purchase for pay television comprising the presentation to a user (system being used for pay per view, col. 5, lines 1 - 3), by means of a display device, of a grid of programmes, and the selection by this user of a programme of his particular choice from the grid by means known per se (selecting programs from an EPG, col. 3, lines 30 - 59), this choice having to be confirmed in the system by an entitlement management message (EMM) (EMM, col. 4, lines 42 – 49, 54 - 57), this message being specific to an impulse purchase (entitlement for specific programs, col. 4, lines 65 - 68), characterized in that the

entitlement management message (EMM) specific to an impulse purchase is contained in the data (SI) tied to the presentation of the programme grid (program guide containing subscriber entitlements, col. 3, lines 30 - 35, col. 4, lines 42 - 49).

As per claim 2, Tamer teaches System according to Claim 1, characterized in that the entitlement management message is used locally in a hardware subassembly installed at the user's premises, this hardware subassembly comprising a security module in which is stored a subscriber authorizations and subscriptions profile relating to the user (smart card apparatus 31, col. 4, lines 42 – 49, Fig. 3).

As per claim 3, Tamer teaches System according to Claim 1, characterized in that the entitlement management message specific to an impulse purchase may entail either the notification to authorize viewing, or that to veto this viewing authorization (EMM for determining programs viewers are entitled to, col. 4, lines 54 - 57).

As per claim 4, Tamer teaches System according to Claim 1, characterized in that the entitlement management message (EMM) comprises conditions defining the authorization of viewing and conditions of cancellation of this authorization (authorization, col. 4, line 65 - 67).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Olugbenga O. Idowu whose telephone number is 571 270 1450. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday, 7am -5pm Est.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brian Pendleton can be reached on 571 272 7527. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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